

1. The infinitive is a special form of all verbs that is marked by an '-re' ending.
2. The infinitive is not a full verb → it cannot be the main verb of a sentence.
i.e. A sentence needs a full verb to make sense.

Ex. He to run to the store → This doesn't make sense

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He 'wants' to run to the store → 'wants' is a full verb, and thus is the main verb.

3. An infinitive cannot take a subject. It therefore cannot be the main verb of a sentence.

4. An infinitive is ~~now~~ translated as 'to + verb'.

Ex. Amare = to love Sedere = to sit

5. Infinitives usually match with particular verbs like:

- a. cupio, cupire: ~~cupio~~ to want + inf. Ex. cupio currere = I want to run
- b. constituo, constituere: to decide + inf. Ex. constituit partire = he decides to leave
- c. possum, posse: to be able + inf. Ex. Possum sedere = I am able to sit
- d. debeo, debere: to need + inf. Ex. debet scire = you need to know